

SENATE GENERAL WELFARE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1

Amendment No. 1 to HJR0086

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AMEND <SB>

House Joint Resolution No. 86

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by deleting all language following the caption of the printed resolution and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, thousands of people within this State suffer from kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and hypertension are the leading causes of chronic kidney failure, or end stage renal disease (ESRD); and

WHEREAS, dialysis treatment cleans and filters a patient's blood, using a specialized machine to aid in cleansing the body of harmful wastes; and

WHEREAS, future developments of dialysis clinics in urban and underserved communities are dependent on fair and adequate reimbursement for services and, thus far, the reimbursement schedule has not kept pace with the cost of services provided by dialysis clinics; and

WHEREAS, given the number of patients who will require dialysis services in the near future, dialysis clinics will need to be established in medically underserved communities throughout the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the members of this General Assembly urge the Bureau of TennCare to adopt a cost-of-living index into its budget for the purpose of adequately reimbursing providers for kidney dialysis treatments to enrollees in the TennCare program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.